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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated 17 December 2001, please amend  
this application as follows.

In the Claims:

Re-write Claim 1 as follows.

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1. (amended) An apparatus for carrying out solid phase microextraction of target analytes included in a fluid or a solid sample, comprising gas tight enclosure means for receiving the sample before the enclosure is made gas tight, means located within the enclosure means for extracting the target analytes from the sample, and means located outside of the enclosure